

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/030,185

Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination filed November 17, 2004

Reply to AA dated November 5, 2004 and

FOA dated May 19, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-11 and 13-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 18, and 19 have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention. The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

The present amendments are made further to the amendments presented in the Supplemental Response dated October 19, 2004, which has been entered in the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently with this Amendment. The present amendments correct informalities in the claims as of the entry of the Response dated October 19, 2004. The present amendments are made for clarity, and in response to the remarks in the Advisory action mailed November 5, 2004.

In the Advisory action, the Examiner noted that in claim 1, the definition of L^2 was not clear. To clarify this point, in claim 1, the phrase “then L^2 , when present, represents a single bond” has been herein deleted. The definition of L^2 is properly presented by the preceding two lines of the claim.

In the Advisory action, the Examiner noted that in claims 18 and 19, item (c.) is not clearly defined because there are X's in formulas (I-3) and (I-4). In claims 18 and 19, the phrase “and; c. in (I-3) to (I-4), hydrogen atoms within a ring may be replaced with a cyano group or a halogen” has been herein deleted. Since clause (c.) has been deleted, the word “and” has been added between clauses (a.) and (b.). This amendment clarifies the definition of (I-3) and (I-4).

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In addition, in claim 18, the original version of formula (I) is deleted. In the amendment dated October 19, 2004, the brackets deleting this formula were inadvertently omitted.

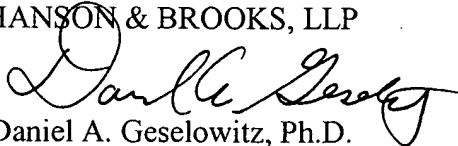
Consideration of the remarks in the Response dated October 19, 2004, is respectfully requested in view of these further amendments.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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